

Newstead Public Library

Board of Trustees

March 11, 2020

Board Members Present: Sue Brown, Sue Sweitzer, Tara Middaugh, Bob Tiedt, Mary Mangan

At Large: Library Director Kristine Sutton
Newstead Councilman John Jendrowski

Call to Order: 7:05 PM Motion to approve- Sue S. Seconded- Bob

Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2020 meeting: Motion to approve- Sue S, seconded Sue B

Approval of Agenda for February 12, 2020 meeting: Motion to approve- Sue B
Seconded - Sue S

Library Activities & Community Events

Adult Events: Mahjong (weekly 4-6), Tuesday Morning Book Club (monthly 3), Tai Chi Chih (4 sessions- 43), DSS (3 sessions- 2), Peace Love Yarn (5), Census Job Opportunity (2), Crockpot Creations - 15

Intergenerational Events: Jumpbunch- (2 sessions - 32 kids), Homeschool Hour (14), Take Your Child to the Library – 12, Nan Hoffman Valentine Concert - 22

Children’s Events: Therapy Dogs (1 dog visit- 4 kids), Lego Club (7), Storytime (3 sessions-18 kids), Toddlertime (4 sessions-19 kids), Explore STEM-5

Teen Events: None

Community Events – Outreach: One Church Playgroup-16, Advocacy Day in Albany

Library Business

Library Stats- Visits were up (.6%), Computer Sessions were up (1.0%), Wi-Fi was down (-41.8%)

Friends of Newstead Public Library – Book Sale Coming up 5/13-5/16

Finances- Audited vouchers, County paid, privately paid & other bills, motion to approve by Mary, seconded by Bob

Building: No new issues

Old Business: No new business

New Business: Constitution & By Laws were reviewed

Census 2020 should be received via mail with a unique code by March 12 & April 1 is official “Census Day”.

Corona Virus update: there is a special cleaner being used in bathrooms, on tables & keyboards are being cleaned with rubbing alcohol.

Newstead was one of only 6 or 7 libraries selected to participate in a new ‘Pay Down Your Fines’ program through the Ralph Wilson Grant. Beginning in June, participants can borrow sports equipment (soccer, lacrosse & in the winter snow shoes) and if they do all fines will be wiped out. Equipment can be borrowed for 3 days.

Next meeting: April 8, 2020 at 7 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43 Motion to adjourn - Sue S, Seconded- Mary